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Claims 1-80 are pending in the subject application. It is the understanding of the undersigned that the previously submitted Response has been held non-responsive or informal on the basis that the claims are misnumbered and because the Response has failed to indicate those claims which read on the elected invention. Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 81-150 read on the elected invention. With respect to the misnumbering of the claims, Applicant respectfully submits that this should not have been the basis for an informal or non-responsive amendment as the Patent Office should have renumbered the claims in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.126 (see MPEP §608.01(j)).

By this Supplemental Response, Applicant has canceled claims 2-14, 16-50, 52-65, and 67-80 and added claims 81-150; claims 1, 15, 51, and 66 are withdrawn from consideration. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the subject specification and in the claims as originally filed (*see*, for example, pages 24-28 and pages 32-55). Entry and consideration of the amendments and new claims presented herein is respectfully requested. Applicant's undersigned representative certifies that no new material is added by this submission. Accordingly, claims 1, 15, 51, 66, and 81-150 are currently before the Examiner. Favorable consideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

It should be understood that the amendments and newly presented claims presented herein have been made solely to expedite prosecution of the subject application to completion and should not be construed as an indication of Applicant's agreement with or acquiescence in the Examiner's position. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the invention(s) disclosed in the subject application, including any subject matter canceled or not pursued during prosecution of the subject application, in a related application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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Applicant invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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